**Japanese funding for NTPC and MRTSP**

3141. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been signed between India and Japan in which Rs. 2,040 crore soft loan will be provided to India by Japan;

(b) if so, whether this loan will be utilised by India for power plants of NTPC and Mass Rapid Transport System Projects; and

(c) if so, the other projects on which Japan has agreed to provide help and assistance to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of Japan has also agreed to extend the JBIC loan for the following two ongoing time slice projects:

(i) Simhadri and Vizag Transmission System Project—2nd tranche : (Rs. 234.5 crores approx.)

(ii) West Bengal Transmission System Project—2nd tranche : (Rs. 114.6 crores approx.)

**Janraksha Insurance for rural people**

3142. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched Janraksha Insurance to cover health aspects of rural people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any similar insurance scheme is under consideration for urban population covering both indoor and outdoor treatment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) A new insurance scheme called "Janraksha", intended to cater to the needs of rural population, has been announced in the Budget Speech for 2002-03. For an annual premium of Rs. 365/-, the insured person will be entitled to indoor treatment upto Rs. 30,000/- per year at selected and designated hospitals while outdoor treatment will also be available at designated clinics which would include civil hospitals, medical colleges, private trust hospitals and other NGO run institutions. The scheme will be launched by the four public sector general insurance companies.

(c) to (e) The four public sector general insurance companies are already operating a medical insurance scheme known as 'Mediclaim' which caters to the needs of both urban and rural population The scheme provides for reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by an individual towards hospitalisation/domiciliary hospitalisation for any illness, injury or disease contracted or sustained during the period of insurance.

**Funds for formation of SHG**

3143. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 500 crore was given to NABARD for SHG formation in 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the amount of the above actually spent in the year 2001-2002, State-wise; and

(c) the total quantum of money earned by women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) No financial assistance has been given by Government of India to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for Self Help Groups (SHGs) formation in 2001-2002. As reported by NABARD, its financial commitment for various micro finance interventions during 2001-02 aggregated Rs. 402.10 crore which included Rs. 393.10 crore of refinance to banks for onlending to SHGs. NABARD has